

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

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| Heart Disease..... | 33 |
| Cancer | 30 |
| Cerebral Haemorrhage | 12 |
| Influenza..... | 9 |
| Pulmonary Tuberculosis..... | 6 |
| Pneumonia..... | 6 |
| Other Circulatory Diseases..... | 5 |

Cancer increase,

The deaths from Cancer show an increase compared with previous years for which no cause can be assigned.

AGES AT DEATH.

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| Under 1 year..... | 4 |
| 1 - 5 years..... | 4 |
| 6 - 15 " | 4 |
| 16 - 60 " | 37 |
| 61 - 70 " | 31 |
| 70 & upwards..... | 75 |

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

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|------------------------|-----|
| Scarlet Fever..... | 17 |
| Diphtheria | 102 |
| Pneumonia..... | 10 |
| Puerperal Pyrexia..... | 5 |
| Erysipelas..... | 1 |

TUBERCULOSIS NOTIFICATIONS (Primary).

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| | | | <u>Total</u> |
| Pulmonary | 8 adults | 4 children | 14 cases. |
| Non Pulmonary | 1 adult | 1 child | |

Notifications of Diphtheria cases, with which the year began, continued in spasmodic numbers until a total of 25 cases occurred up to the beginning of September. The magnitude of this figure is more relative than actual, as will be understood when it is pointed out that the total Diphtheria notifications in the Borough, for the 10 preceding years amounted only to 30, and in the preceding 5 years to 9 cases.

From the beginning of September, coinciding with the arrival of the city children under the official Evacuation Scheme, it was noticed the notifications were increasing at an alarmingly brisk rate until steps were taken to limit the outbreak by relief of overcrowding, selective swabbing, isolation of contacts and particular "carrier" cases, together with other routine prophylactic measures. In view of the probable low immunity rate of the local population, selective swabbing to discover "carriers", was considered well worth while.

As soon as it was practicable, a scheme of immunisation was started for children attending the Junior schools in the Borough, embracing the 5 to 11 year group. The occasion supplied its own propaganda, so that the immediate consent response of about 70% was considered satisfactory. No Anti or Post Schick Testing was done, and the children under the age of 8 were given two doses of 0.5 c.c. A.P.T. at a four weekly interval and the 8 - 11 group were given the usual 3 doses of T.A.F.

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS.

Apart from the outbreak of Diphtheria, the other records for the year can be regarded as very satisfactory. The statistics which provide an index of health of the community are quite favourable - viz. The Death Rates, (general and particular), Infectious Disease Notifications, and the ages at Death.

A brief summary is appended of relevant information shown under the Sub-Heads as directed in the Ministry of Health Circular, 1961.

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SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES.

WATER

No change since the report of the previous year.

6 samples of water sent from the Public supply were found to be satisfactory bacteriologically and chemically.

DRAINAGE & SEWERAGE

New lengths of sewer laid.....300 yards.

NUISANCES

176 abated. 155 of these by informal action.
21 by the result of Statutory Notice.

HOUSING

New houses erected during the year.....82

(a) by the local authority..... 30
(20 of 3 bedrooms, and 10 of 2 bedrooms)

(b) by other bodies or persons.....52

INSPECTION OF HOUSES

Total number inspected for defects.....480

16 Houses were considered unfit for habitation and 91 had repairable defects requiring attention. Of these, 73 were rendered fit by informal action, and 11 following Statutory Notices.

38 houses in clearance areas were demolished during the year.

OTHER HEADINGS.

There was nothing special to report.

